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Power Girl Origin Revealed!

When ALL-STAR COMICS was revived a couple of years ago, it was decided the Justice Society of America could use a bit of new blood. One of the characters that joined the group at that time was the Earth-2 parallel to Supergirl, cousin to the Earth-2 Superman who disliked operating in his shadow and who had a strongly-developed sense of women's politics. Power Girl rapidly became one of the most popular members of the team, surpassing some of the forty-year veterans in total reader interest.

It is therefore only natural that Power Girl be given the chance to prove herself in solo-action in a three-issue SHOWCASE run. Paul Levitz and Joe Staton, Justice Society scripter and penciller respectively, got together with Editor Joe Orlando to put together a three-part story so exciting Editor Orlando did something he's only done a handful of times in the preceeding ten years -- he picked up the brush and started inking!

Power Girl's origin is revealed in the three-parter, as is her quest for a secret identity. It all starts in SHOWCASE #97, on sale November 15th. Celebrating the event, SHOWCASE becomes a monthly comic with this issue.

Creeper Joins World's Finest!

In perhaps the most exciting issue since the title went dollar-sized, WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #249 features four spectacular stories, with one new series and two special team-ups.

The Creeper joins the WORLD'S FINEST line-up, replacing The Vigilante. DC's new Creeper run is being written and drawn by its creator, the unique Steve Ditko. Times have changed a bit for Jack Ryder, The Creeper's alter-ego, as he takes a job in the security department of the Gotham City outlet of the Cosmic Broadcasting Network, rival outfit to Galaxy Communications.

The Phantom Stranger joins Superman and Batman in another Bob Haney - Kurt Schaffenberger epic, as the three team up to check out supernatural occurrences at an oil slick and encounter "The Vampire of Steel."

The two-part Sgt. Rock - Wonder Woman team-up concludes this issue in a thriller by Gerry Conway and Mike Vosburg. Gerry also scripted the Green Arrow / Black Canary story, wherein the villain discovers a cave beneath Oliver Queen's old mansion and deduces Queen must therefore be a costumed super-hero -- The Batman! This story also features the final confrontation with The Hellgrammite; Trevor Von Eeden provided the pencils.

Jack C. Harris edited the eighty-pager, which goes on sale November 17th.

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APPROVED BY THE COMICS CODE AUTHORITY
SHADE ESCAPES HIS CAPTORS ONLY TO FACE DEATH AT THE MONSTROUS HANDS OF...
THE SUPREME DECIDER!

Brave and Bold Special: Batman, Rock, Deadman and...?

This year's BRAVE AND THE BOLD SPECIAL features a unique concept: Batman shares a case with three co-stars, but he never joins forces with any of them. Whereas this idea has been used before in stories that take place in two different time periods, this story differs in that all of the action occurs in the present.

Batman, in Gotham City tracking down a maniacal bomber, permits the loaning of the famous Caped Crusader statue to the British for use in their Silver Jubilee activities. When this gigantic statue is stolen, the U.S. government assigns London-based Sgt. Rock the task of capturing the culprit. When it is discovered the statue was stolen by demons, Rama Kushna assigns Deadman to the case.

The three work together, Batman from Gotham City, Rock and Deadman from England. They are joined by a special fourth super-hero, who unearths the clues needed to uncover the plot. Whereas this fourth hero is revealed in the story, we're not about to tip our hand at this early date.

Bob Haney, Ric Estrada and Dick Giordano handled this double-length 60¢ special for Editor Paul Levitz. THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD SPECIAL goes on sale November 3rd.

Odd Items, Noteworthy News

You've probably noticed this is DC's month for team-ups and special appearances. We're celebrating the 150th issue of THE HOUSE OF SECRETS with a special book-lengther featuring The Phantom Stranger, Doctor Thirteen and Abel (as well as a couple of other mystery stars), scripted by Gerry Conway. And we'll bet you thought halloween was last month...While on the mystery theme, Steve Englehart and Ric Estrada turned in the book-lengther to WEIRD WAR TALES #60, "Night Flight," the untold story of The Hindenburg...Mike Kaluta provided the cover to SECRETS OF THE HAUNTED HOUSE #10... Finally, Rip Hunter joins Deadman, Swamp Thing and THE CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN in the 85th issue of the Chall's magazine.

Artist go-round: Doug Wildey rejoins SGT. ROCK with this month's issue, #313... Don Newton becomes regular penciller on AQUAMAN with #60...Joe Rubenstein inks Newton's pencils on RETURN OF THE NEW GODS #16, a special story featuring the funeral of Lonar... Dan Bulanadi is inking Ernie Chan's pencils on JONAH HEX #9, the issue with the Berni Wrightson cover...Mike Nasser is the new penciller on STAR HUNTERS with this month's release, #3.

SUPERBOY AND THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #236 features three stories: a Cosmic Boy solo by Levitz and Sherman, a Mon-El solo by Levitz and Nasser, and a Saturn Girl / Lightning Lad story by Levitz and Sherman...THE TEEN TITANS is a super-group that's been around for quite some time, but, oddly enough, has never had an origin. Bob Rozakis and Juan Ortiz rectify the situation in #53...Readers will learn the secret identity of The Supreme Decider in SHADE THE CHANGING MAN #5, another Ditko shocker.

A slew of super-villains from Julie Schwartz: Amos Fortune returns to haunt THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA (#151) as the JLAers throw a bachelor party for The Atom...Green Lantern's old enemy, Black Hand, takes on THE FLASH in #258...The Parasite and Solomon Grundy continue their struggle with The Man of Steel in SUPERMAN #320... The Mad Hatter tries to go straight in BATMAN #296...A new baddie, The Five-In-One Villain, takes on Batgirl, Robin, The Harlequin and the original Bat-Girl in BATMAN FAMILY #16...Amazo is revived against his will and tries to destroy his creator in ACTION COMICS #480...and The Joker returns in "The Laughing Fish," the first of an Englehart - Rogers two-parter in DETECTIVE COMICS #475.

Two quick parting passes: MR. MIRACLE returns to Apokolips to destroy Darkseid, but is first confronted with The Cosmic Comedy; this in issue #22, Steve Englehart's last (Steve Gerber picks up the reins with #23)...GREEN LANTERN / GREEN ARROW #101 is the kick-off to a two-parter by Denny O'Neil, this time involving the extra-terrestial kidnapping of Black Canary.

Shipping Information

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11th:
Shade The Changing Man #5 / Secrets of the Haunted House #10 / Kamandi #55 / Return of The New Gods #16 / Jonah Hex #9 / Justice League of America Giant #151 / The Brave and The Bold Special

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18th:
The Flash #258 / Weird War Tales #60 / Metal Men #56 / Superman #320 / Batman #296 / House of Secrets #150 / Mister Miracle #22

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25th:
Sgt. Rock #313 / Ghosts #61 / Showcase Featuring Power Girl #97 / Aquaman #60 / Super-Friends #10 / G.I. Combat Dollar Comic #206 / World's Finest Comics Dollar Comic #249

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1st:
Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes Giant #236 / Warlord #11 / Teen Titans #53 / Challengers of the Unknown #85 / Unknown Soldier #212 / Witching Hour #77 / Green Lantern - Green Arrow #101 / Batman Family Giant #16

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8th:
Wonder Woman #240 / Action Comics #480 / Star Hunters #3 / Detective Comics #475